# NEWS CONDENSED.

## Concise Record of the Week. DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MESSES. SHERMAN and Pendleton each presented resolutions in the Senate, on the 28th ult., from wool-growers in Ohio praying for the restoration of the former duty on wool. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the original bill relating to the enforcement of the law in Utah. He said he did not himself favor that clause of the bill which requires the exclusion of women from suffrage in that Territory. A message was received from the House aunouncing the death of Congressman Mackey, of South Carolina. The Senate, after the appointing of a committee on its part to attend the funeral, adjourned. In the House, immediately after reading the journal, the death of E. W. M. Mackey, of South Carolina, was announced. The customary resolution was adopted, and the House, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned.

Mr. Sherman's resolutions on the Vir. restoration of the former duty on wool. Re-

MR. SHERMAN'S resolutions on the Vir. ginia and Mississippi elections were taken up in the Senate on the 29th ult. The galleries in the Senate on the 29th ult. The galleries were full, in anticipation of a fiery political debate. Mess s. Sherman and Mahone made speeches denunciat ry of the Southern Democracy; but, to the disappointment of the galleries, the Democratic side of the Senate observed a policy of silence. The resolutions were therenpon passed by a strict party vote—13 to 20. Mr. Vest reported formally a bill to repeal the timber-culture law. Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to establish the Territory of North Dakota. Mr. Platt offered a resolution of inquiry as to the effect of the stock tion of inquiry as to the effect of the stock dividend of the Western Union Telegraph company, its consolidation with competing lines, or its regulations for the transmission of press news. The House resolution for aid to destitute Indians at the Crow reservation was adopted, Indians at the Crow reservation was adouted, the amount boing raised to \$100,000. House bills were pased appropriating \$3,750,000 to pay relate on tobacco and \$21,965 for the expenses of the Legislature of New Mexico. The House of Representatives passed a resolution, offered by Mr. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania for the amount of a resolution, offered by Mr. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania for the amount of a resolution. vanis, for the appointment of a special commit-tee of five members to investigate the charge made by ex-Speaker Keifer that H. V. Boyna correspondent, attempted in a rupt manner to influence his action on the Garrahan claim. Mr. Keffer caused to be read a letter which he had written to the offender, Bills were introduced to prevent the adultera-tion of sugar, to bridge the Mississippi at St. Paul, to prevent the intermarrings of white and negroes in the District of Columbia, to secure the sublity of the paper currency, and to pur-chase additional ground for the crection of a public building at Galveston.

PETITIONS signed by several thousand citizens of the Territories of Washington, Dakota, and Idaho, and of the District of Columbia, asking for a prohibitory liquor law, were presented in the Senate on the 3 th uit. After some debate on the question of volunteers for the Greely relief expedition, the Senate adjourned. to act and the funeral of Representative Mackey. The House of Representatives voted to enlarge the Lowers of the committee investigating affairs at Her Springs, Arkanas. Bills were reported to establish a Bureau of Animal Industry, to retire H. J. Hunt with the rank of Major General, to make postage on second-days matter two to make postage on second-dass matter two cents per pound, making further appropriations for public buildings at Eric and Council Bluffs, and to provide that no Terticory shall apply for admission as a State unless it has sufficient population to entitle it to representation in Councess. The obsequies of Hon. E. W. M. Mackey were conducted by Rev. Drs. Huntley and Shippen.

A LARGE number of petitions for a prohibstory liquor law for the Territories and the Diskrict of Columbia were presented in the Senate on the first uit. Bills were introduced to pay employes of the Government the wages withheld in violation of the eight-hour law, and to relieve commercial travelers from license taxes.

Mr. Sewell reported a bill providing that no regimental or company officer shall be detached for more than three consecutive years. Mr. Coke presented a joint resolution from the Legislature of Texas urging the improvement of Galveston hart or in the manner proposed by Capt. Eads. A communication from the Attorney General stated that his clerical force was insufficient to supply the papers called for by Congress. Adjourned to Monday, Jan. 4. The House of Representatives adopted a resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior to explain by what anthority 189,000 acres of land were certified to the on the first uit. Bills were introduced to pay secretary of the Interior to explain by what at thority 183,000 acres of land were certified to the State of Kansas for the benefit of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe road. The bill forfeitin lands granted to the Texas and Pacific Railroad sompany was passed by a vote of 250 to 1. message from the President was received, trans mitting the report of the Secretary of State regard to the restriction of American hog products by Germany and France.

AFTER three weeks' deliberation and five days of debate, the House of Representative on the 1st inst , passed the bill for the relief Fitz John Porter by a vote of 184 to 78. Stren ous efforts were resorted to by the Republica eaders to stave off a vote by filibustering, by when at 5 o'clock the Democrats ceded an hour for debate the nents of Porter accepted the situation. Wolford was the first speaker. His argu-ments were in favor of the tall. Following him Mr. Calkins made a speech against Porter. Mr. Phelps next spoke at length in favor of the measure. Several short speeches were mate, and then Mr. Cartin closed the arguman. The galleries were crowded, and intense interest was manifested when the House proceeded to record its verdict. An analysis of the vote shows that 164 Democrats, 18 Republicans, and 2 Independents voted for the rassage of the bill, and 77 Republicans and one Democrat (Converse, of Obio) recorded their names against it. A bill was introduced to prohibit the removal of House employes curing vacation, except for cause. Conference commit-ters were appointed on the special Indian ap-propriation and the Greely relief scheme. The

## EASTERN.

Mrs. Catharine Mosier, residing near Erie, Pa., was scratched by a cat which she attempted to drive from her house a few days ago, and is now suffering from lockiaw.

At Greensburg, Pa., a body of men themselves not to buy French products, and to boycott persons who sell them, until France relieves the embargo on American pork.

Suspended about the neck of Mrs. Louisa Helms, who was killed by a train at Paterson, N. J., were found a quarter-dollar, the wish-bone of a chicken, and a card giving her name and address.

The proposed public exhibition of the Keely motor at Philadelphia has been postponed for a time.

Thomas Salmon, a liquor-seller at Woburn, Mass., was last summer sentenced to jail for a violation of the temperance law. While an appeal was being heard be was elected to the Legislature. The Supreme Court has just decided that he must serve out his term in prison.

## WESTERN.

Seven miles from Indianapolis, on the Indianapolis and Chicago Air-Line railroad, the middle portion of a passenger train fell through a lotten bridge over the White river, repeating the scenes at Ashtabula, but with less horror. A portion of the wreck was submerged, and the exposed remnant. blazed briskly for an hour or more. Six people were burned to a crisp. Two persons were mortally injured, and seven were burt

less reriously. After an entertainment at Pana, Ill., for the benefit of Emma Bond, unknown persons hung Judge Phillips, who presided at the trial of Montgomery et al., in effigy on

the common. A barrel of gasoline in a hardware Hamilton, Canada, Speciator office..... 50,000

store at Alliance, Ohio, exploded with truly frightful results. The building was three stories in height. Five families lived in the upper portions of the structure. The building was totally demolished. Eighteen people were in the doomed place at the time, and half of them perished. The ruins took fire, and were partly consumed. A woman in the street was fatally wounded.

The boiler in the Twitchell shinglemill, near Blanchard, Mich., exploded, kiffing two men and injuring several others.

Marquis de Mores reports a new disease among sheep on the Montana ranges, which has carried off 6,000 head of merinos sent from Iowa and Wisconsin.

There is an enormous falling off in the "hog crop." Nearly 200,000 fewer hogs have arrived in Chicago this winter so far than came in last winter during the same period of time.

#### SOUTHERN.

A man named Webb, in a difficulty with the three-Wilburn brothers, in Jackson county, Ala., killed two of them and mortally wounded the third.

The first discovery of tin in this ountry has been made in King's mountain, Cleveland county, N. C.

The lower house of the Texas Legisture has passed a bill to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment from one to five years. Col. John G. Kasey has absconded

from Bedford county, Va., of which he is extreasurer, leaving \$60,000 for his bondsmen The extreme cold weather in South Carolina seriously damaged the cats crop,

mocking birds and coultry. A jury at New Orleans acquitted Troisville Sykes of the murder of Kate Town- Jo

destroyed early vegetables, and killed doves,

#### WASHINGTON.

The Committee on Territories has committed itself to the policy of suppressing the premature formation of States out of Territories, as was done in the case of Ne. vada, by agreeing to recommend the passage of Mr. Townshend's till, which prohibits any Territory from framing a constitution or applying for admission into the Union until it shall have enough population to entitle it to representation in Congress. This would require about 160,000 people. Nevada has but a little more than one-third of that num-

Of 5,000 bills introduced in the House of Representatives, this session, 1,400 are for

The following is a recapitulation of

1	the debt statement issued on the 1st inst.:		
	Inter st-bearing deb — Four and one-half per cents\$ Four per cents. Three per cents. Refunding certificates. Navy pension fund.	250,900,000 737,641,050 274,708,850 307,950 14,000,000	
1	Total interest-bearing debt\$	,276,657,850	
ļ	Matured debt\$ Debt bearing no interest— Legal-tender notes.	11,348,165 346,739,676	
1	Certificates of deposit.	16,880,000	
ı	Gold and silver certificates	211,387,671	
l	Fractional currency	6,987,250	
	Total without interest	581,991,577	
	Total debt (principal)\$1	.870,000,592	
î	Total interest	9,496,360	
1	Total cash in treasury	593,415,233	
ı	Debt, less cash in treasury 1	486,083,710	
ì	Decrease during January	11,958,003	
1	Decrease of debt since June 30, 188 t	65,007,487	
ì	Current liabilities—		
1	Interest due and unpaid	2,753,373	
Į	Debt ca which interest has ceased	11,348,165	
1	Interest thereon	306,111	
J	Gold and silver certificates.	211,387,671	
í	U. S. notes held for redemption of	******	
ı	certificates of deposit	16,880,000	
1	Casu balance available	150,735,412	

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id A	Total\$	393,415,230
54	Cash in treasury\$	393,415,233
in d-	Bonds issued to Pacific railway com- panies, interest payable by United States—	
ve es. of	Principal outstanding	64,628,512 328,117 61,160,798
u- an ut	Interest repaid by companies— By transportation service	17,916,100
m-	earnings.	655 198

## POLITICAL,

Balance of interest paid by United

States....

A resolution asking Mahone to resign his seat in the United States Senate, has passed both branches of the Virginia Legisla-

The Ohio State Prohibition convention to nominate a State ticket and delegates to the national convention has been called to meet at Columbus March 6.

Beatrice, Neb., dispatch: "About 1,000 citizens met at the opera house in this city for the organization of a John A. Logan Republican club. Over 500 signed the roll of membership, and unbounded enthusiasm pre vailed. Logan clubs are being formed all over this State."

A petition to President Arthur, asking the reappointment of Eli H. Murray as Governor of Utah, has been largely signed at have formed an oath-bound society, pledging | Louisville, Ky., by citizens of all shades of political belief.

President Arthur has sent to the Senate the names of Richard S. Tuthill, to be United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Gen. Leake. term expired, and James A. Connolly, of Charleston, Ill., to be United States District | budget. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, a renomination.

The Republicans of the Second district of Kansas have nominated Edward P. Funston to succeed the late D. C. Haskell.

## FIRE RECORD.

The week's record of fires, where a

loss of \$10,000 and over was incurred,	is a	as i
follows:		
Fond du Lac, Wis., Episcopal church\$	21,0	00
Washington, Iowa, eight small stores	12.0	
Peru, Ind., menagerie winter quarters	10,0	
Gatesville, Tex., three stores	30,0	00
Stillwater, Minn., State prison	50,0	00
New York City, warehouse	75.0	00
Xenia, Ohio, business block	75,0	00
Baitimore, tertilizer factory	50,0	
Philadelphia, woodenware manufactory.	40,0	
Buena Vista, Col., business block	20,0	
Montreal, fluid-beef factory	00,0	
Columbus, Ohio, State prison shops	60,0	
Cincinnati, Lewis' fur store	15,0	
Gilman, Ill., three stores	10,0	
Ma ion. Ohio, Opera-house,	15,0	
Baltimore, belting factory.	25,0	
Oshkosh, Wis., Telegraph office Connorsville, Ind., furniture factory	10,0	
Sf. Louis, Mo., R. G. Dun & Co.'s office.	30,0	
Lockport, N. Y., business building.	10,0	
Lenzburg, DL, flour mills	10,0	
St. Johnsbury, Vt., church and bank	40,0	
Minneapolis, Mmn., three residences	10.0	
Bristol Ct., hat stock manufactory	25,0	
Laporte, Ind., tennery	10,0	
Cornwall, Canada, block of stores.	50.0	
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Montreal, Canada, angar refinery. 1	50.0	

Arkansas City, Ark, stores.
Wood Haven, L. I., business block.
De Pere, Wis, flour mill.
Norborne, Mo., business houses.
Troy, N. Y., stove foundry.
Canton, Ohio, clothing store.
Cleveland, Ohio, woolen mill.
Dalles, Ore., eleven business houses.
Duluth, Minn., hardware store.
Minneapolis, Minn., stove works.
Belleville, Ont., four stores.
Hope, Ark., several business houses.
Provo, Utah, Mormon academy.
Warsaw, Ind., three stores.

### THE DEATHS OF A WEEK.

Hon, John Letcher, who served as Governor of Virginia during the war perion; Hon, Joseph Bond, of Waukesha, one of the ploneers of Wisconsin; John B. Wood, promi nent'in New York journalism; Judge E. Hassenmuller, a leading German citizen of Cleveland, Ohio; William Myers, a pioneer settler of Dubuque, Iowa; George T. Jenkins, of Baltimore, nearest surviving relative of President Madison; Giles B. Sloeum, one of the oldest citizens of Detroit; O. F. Bump, a prominent Baltimore lawyer and litterateur; Commodore Francis Bleecker Ellison, one of the oldest officers of the United States navy; E. W. M. Mackey, Congressman from South Carolina; Prof. Klinkerfus (by suicide), an eminent German astronomer: Judge John 1. Campbell, an eminent lawyer of Rushville, Ill; Jonathan Lundy, a ploneer setler in the Maumee valley of Chio; Henry D. Bannard, a prominent citizen of Detroit.

#### A WEEK'S FAILURES.

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Failures reported by telegrap	h dur-
g the week were as follows:	
Li	abilitfes.
T. Comins, prison contractor, Con-	\$140,000
B. & W. H. Anderson, grain, Mendon,	60,000
W. Underwood, dry goods, Terrell.	40,000
Tex	20,000
delphia	50,000
Philadelphia.	35,000
delphia seph Kuhn, money broker, Detroit	20,000
Gossett, dry goods, Independence,	21,000
an Slicker's cotton mill, Pittsfield,	21,000
Mass. B. Pond, lecture manager, Bos on	70,000 11,000
ble Bros., stock traders, Vincennes, Ind.	10,900
eveland Paper company, paper manu-	100100010010000

facturers, Cleveland, Ohio...... Daniel F. Beatty, organ manufacturer, Washingtos, N. J. James Bisland, cotton goods, New York.

D. M. Hawkins, tobacco, Cincinnation J. B. Burne, shoes, Providencs, R. I.

B. Dub & Co., dry goods, Augusta, Ga.

J. H. Betting, general store, Manor, Tex.

J. B. Wadsworth, cheese manufacturer, Morrisville, N. Y.

Wilcox & Co., boots and shoes, Detroit. Hawerth & Co., commission merchants, Liverpool, England.

Jas Alexander, millinery, New York.

Forbes, Wright & Co., dry goods, Booton 72,000

Boston
Bitting & Co., dry goods, Aurora, Tex.
N. W. Taylor, paper dealer, Chicago.
American Lumber Co., Toronto.
Thos. Swan, restaurateur, Detroit.
Jackson Bros., leather, Montreal.
Taylor & Moore, queensware, Cincinnati nati.
Perine & Co., woolens, New York.
Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Leadville, Colo.

Pone Iron and Metal Co., St. Louis,
Mo. Mallory bros., dry goods, Watertown,

T. H. Baxter, dry goods, Birdseye, Ind.

The Canadian Minister of Public Works reports the cost of operating the Government telegraph lines, last year, at \$55,000, while the receipts were only \$27,000.

Advices from South Australia are to the effect thhat the surplus of wheat for export will be 18,000,000 bushels. A Cincinnati journal estimates the supply of wheat in the United States at 175,000,000 bushels, with 35,-600,000 more in flour.

. Mr. Shaffer, Secretary of the Iowa Agricultural society, estimates the corn crop of the State at 171,500,000 bushels. Consider. able corn is being brought from Kansas for feeding, but farmers will have no more to do with seed from the Southwestern States.

Hon. Judah P. Benjamin telegraphs from London a denial of the letter published in Thurlow Weed's autobiography, and attributed to him, in which he proposed that the Southern States might, under certain circumstances, conclude to return to their allegance to Great Britain. The letter is printed in another column.

Business failures in the United States and Canada, according to Dun's report, rose again to the neighborhood of 400, the precise number being 373, and the increase for the week 56. The average number in flush times by the same report has been 100.

The first legal execution in Claiborne county, Mississippi, since 1848, took place last week at Port Gibson, where Simon Bonner was hanged for the murder of James R. Light. J. C. P. Collins was executed at Ne vada City for robbing a stage in 1879, and killing a banker named W. F. Cummings. The latter was carrying bullion bars valued \$7,000, which his murderers sold in New Orleans and Louisville.

## FOREIGN.

The ship Juno foundered in the English channel, and her crew of twenty-five men perished.

In a sculling-match on the Thames, Bubear beat Elliott by four lengths. An army of occupation of 6,000 men

for Egypt will be provided for in the British An English firm which controls steamboat traffic on the Nile has been asked by the British government to have every steamer and sailing vessel ready to take troops and stores to upper Egypt and bring away refugees

from Khartoum. John Bright, in a speech at Birmingham, England, declared that Henry George should have tried his foolish land scheme in America, where it could be cheaply tested, before attempting to foist it upon countries with institutions ten times as old.

Agrarian irritation is so bitter in the Russian provinces of Pskow and Vitebsk that a collision between the peasants and the troops is imminent.

The Russian authorities have refused to permit a monument to Luther to be erected at Higu.

The inhabitants of the beleaguered city of Sinkat have eaten all the dogs in town, and nothing remains but the horses and one bag of barley.

C. W. Thomas, Sons & Co., London stock brokers, bave defaulted, and one member of the firm has absconded. While their assets are large, their liabilities are about \$4.170.000.

The Egyptian government sent the wrong man with Gen. Gordon who was to be

the new Sultan of Darfour, and the youth has been drunk ever since he left Cairo.

The hired men who cheered when the Comte de Paris went into the Paris depot on his way to Spain have been sentenced to eight days in jail.

The Chief of Police of Budah-Pesth, Hungary, has sent to the Police Department at New York full details of the robbery of a chest containing 240,000 florins from the postoffice in that place Jan. 5 last. Rewards are offered for the recovery of the money and arrest of the thieves, who, it is believed, fied to America.

### LATER NEWS ITEMS.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., Axel Paulsen skated twenty-five miles in 1 hour 32 minutes and 17 seconds, beating all previous

Frederick L. Ames is a director in lifty-two railway companies, Jay Gould in twenty-four, and Hugh J. Jewett in twenty.

Ex-Senator Dorsey, being interviewed at Washington as to President Arthur's chances for the Republican nomination at Chicago, said that nine-tenths of the people were against him (Arthur), and that his chances of nomination were no better than his (Dorsey's) own.

Farmers in the vicinity of Shabbona, Ill., find a ready market for seed corn at from \$2 to \$3 per bushel.

Well-borers near Urbana, Ill., struck a gas vein at a depth of eighty feet, which can be heard roaring at a distance of two

The Secretary of the Illinois Board of Charities has been collecting lithographs from theatrical companies, with which to amuse the insane patients.

A negro, named Sandy Robinson, was lynched in Leon county, Tex., for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Lathrop.

Stages running each way between Whitesboro and Gainesville, Tex., were robbed by three men, who secured \$500

At Lancaster, Tex., Robert Halsh, a maniac, who had been kept confined at his brother's house for six years, escaped from his room, secured a knife in the kitchen, and after a desperate conflict killed his brotherand made for the woods.

Washington dispatch: "The Randall men are not pleased that Mr. Morrison has so nearly completed his tariff measure, and that there is probability that the subject will soon come up for discussion. The Morrison bill will provide for a general reduction of 20 per cent., but the silk and liquor schedules wal not be changed."

Mr. Denny, American consul General at Shanghai, is said to have received peremptory orders from Washington to rent an office building owned by George H. Seward, at an extravagant price, and in consequence tendered his resignation and came home. Representative Springer threatens to introduce a resolution calling for all the papers in connection with the case.

Capt. Austin, an American marksman, is giving exhibitions of his skill in Great Britain. At Leicester he twice shot a potato from the head of his daughter, but at the third attempt the ball plowed the scalp, and he was placed in arrest.

The chambers of agriculture in several counties of England have requested that the importation of cattle be restricted, in order to prevent the spread of disease.

Gallmeyer, the singer, who has just died at Vienna, left a will directing that her body be dissected in the death chamber and then consigned to a pauper's common grave like that of a beggar. She wished that there should be no flowers, no service, and no

William Meagle, a witness in the Phoen'x park trials at Dublin, complains of constant persecution and assaults at the hands of sympathizers with the assassins of Cavendish and Burke.

A recent dispatch from Tombstone, Arizona, says: "A messenger has just arrived from Oposura, Sonora, and reports that the Apaches are murdering and ravaging that section. Four men have been killed since Jan. 25. The savages are thought to be a portion of Geronimo's band, for whom Capt. Rafferty, with troops, is on the look-

COCKROACHES, it is said, have 3,000 teeth. As much as we hate the creatures, we should feel bad for a cockroach with the toothache. - Boston Transcript.

#### THE MARKET. NEW YORK.

HOG4	6,90	6,75	
FLOUR-Superfine	2.75	# 3,50°	
WHEAT-No. 2 White	1.04	Ø 1.05	
No. 2 Red	1.04	un 1.09	
CORN-No. 2	.66	(t) .67	
OATS-No. 2	.42	88 .44	
Pork-Mess	15.25	6615.75	
LAKD CHICAGO.	.495	670 .003	
BEEVES-Good to Fancy Steers	6.75	(6 7, 25	
Common to Fair	6.25	00 6.75	
Medium to Fair	5,50	66 6.23	
Hogs	5.73	(E 6.75	
HOGS. FLOUR -Fancy White Winter Ex	5.25	e6 5.75	
Good to Choice Winter	5.09	S 5.75	
WHEAT-No. 2 Spring	.91	(6 .92	
No. 2 Red Winter	.99	@ 1.01	
CORN-No. 2	52	16 .53	

RYE-NO. 2 BARLEY-No 2 BARLEY—No 2.
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.... Encis Fresh. 34 Pong - Mess. 16.00 LARD.....MILWAUKEE. .09 @ .095 

Hogs....

Викер..... 4.75 @ 6.25

DEATH BY RAIL ROUTE.

Fired Near Indianapolis.

Seven Persons Drowned or Roasted, and a Number More or Less Injured.

From Indianapolis papers we glean the folowing particulars of the recent distressing allway accident near that city:

railway accident near that city:

A south-bound accommodation train on the Indianapolis and Chicago air line due here at 10:30 a. in. met with a terrible accident when seven miles from this city, at Broad Ripple, where the railway crosses the White river on a truss bridge of two spans, each 150 feet in length. The engineer had gone to the baggage car for a drink of water, and the locomotive was in charge of the fireman. When the locomotive reached the center of the bridge the fireman felt the structure sinking. He had his hand on the throttle, which he opened, giving the locomotive all the available steam. The engine sprang forward with great force, breaking the couplings between the tender and the baggage car. The locamotive kept the track, but the baggage and smoxing cars and another ceach dropped through and piled up in a mass at the foot of the piets, the amoking car being partially telescoped on the baggage car. The wreck was partially subm-reed, but the portion above the water immediately took fire from the sloves. The fireman declares that when he locked back after the locomotive reached the south end of britise the cars were on fire and \*moke was obscuring the scene.

News of the wreck reached this city in a short News of the wreck reached this city in a short time, and a wrecking train, with surgeons and other assistance, was at once made up and sent to Broad kippile. On resching the wreck a chaotic scene was presented. The bridge and cars were yet burning, and those present were so lacking in presence of mind as to be unable to extinguish the flames or afford relicit to the sufferers. The officials of the road went to work vizorously and systematically, and in a short time the fire was extinguished and the search for bodies was begun. Six persons were either killed outright or turned to death. The remains recovered were burned and charred almost beyond recognition, being horribly mutilated, and the only means of identification was the finding of incombustible trinkets known to be the property of the dead men.

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The scenes at the wreck were extremely dis-tressing. The dead were in the ruins of the smoking and baggage cars, and these, the one on top of the other, were in deep w ter. At one end of the smoking-car lay's man with his skull end of the smoking-ear lay a man with his skull croshed and life extinct. Across him, close to the red-hot stove, lay Lynn Clark, a heavy timber binding one leg immovably. C. C. Loder, one of the passengers, tried to find the ax with which each car was provided, but it was on the other side of the car, in three fect of water. "For God's sake, don't desert me!" cried Clark. We did not desert him, 'said Loder, 'until the flames scorobed us, and we were Clark. We did not desert him," said Loder, "until the flames scorched us, and we were almost suffocated with smoke. Before leaving I kicked out the window close by Clark, and left him in agony. Presently the flames burned the timber in two close by Clark, and he crawled out of the window which we liad broken for him."

"In five minutes after the train went down," said Conductor Losey, "the entire wreck was wrapped in flames. In less time than that all who had not escaped already were drowned. Frightful screams came from the rules near the pier, but with two buckets and no boat we were powerless, and all that we could do was to close cur ears and pray for death to relieve our com-

## A GIT OF SECRET HISTORY.

Alleged Letter from Judah P. Benjamin. Proposing that the South Should Resume Allegiance to Great Britain.

The following alleged letter from J. P. Benlamin, then United States Senator from Louistana, to the British Consul in New York was left among Thurlow Weed's papers, and is given in the volume of memoirs of his grandfather which Thurlow Weed Barnes is now carrying through the press;

NEW YORK, Aug. 11, 1860. DEAR SIR-I exceedingly regret your absence from New York at this time, as the important object of my visit is to have a personal and con-

fidential interview with you.

My apology for this breach of conventional usage, in presuming to address you without the formality of an introduction may be pardoned in consequence of the very extraordinary nature of the business which induced me to approach you without the friendly intervention of a third party. Indeed, it would not only have been unwise but actually dangerous for me to have be ne a letter of introduction.

Having assumed the whole responsibility of this very critical step, I cannot use too much caution and circumspection to insure my peronal safety and the successful accomplish of the mission I have in view. Therefore, I | re fer trusting to my own judgment in approach ing a genteel stranger on such business, to that of bringing into my service the scrawls of Gov-ernors or members of Congress with whom, perhaps, you are as little acquainted as myself.

The official confidence which your Government seems to repose in you, by intrusting to your charge its great commercial affairs in the most important city on this continent, I think is sufficient to warrant me in trusting to your discretion, patrictism, and loy-liv a secret of the greatest importance and interest to her

the greatest importance and interest to her Britannic Majesty's kingdom.

The present disastrous condition of political affairs in the United States (which has no parall- I in the past history of the coun ry) seems to have split the great Demo cratic party into many contending factions, all of which are so hungry after public spoils that its disintegrated parts render them an easy prey to the opposing black

Reput licans.

The destrines maintained by the Repub-The dectrines maintained by the Republican party are so unsuited to the great interests of the whole South that an election of their candidate (which is almost certain) amounts to a total destruction of all plantation interests, which the South, as sure as there is a God in heaven, will not submit to. Sconer than yield to the arbitrary dictates of traitorous allies and false friends, who have proven recreated to the solemn obligations of our

of traitorous allies and false friends, who have proven recreant to the solemn obligations of our old Constitution, we will eith r secode from the Union and form a sequence of overnment, or, upon certain conditions, at once return to our allegiance to Great B ita'n, our mother country. Many, very many of the most wealthy and influential planters throughout the South have already discussed the alternative, in the event of the election of Mr. Lincoln, and the popularity of the proposition seems to pass from one to another almost with an electric rapidity. It is true they have made no public demonstration of their intentions, for such a course would be attended with diretul consequences at this time, but the pear will be fully ripe before November. Gossiping newsmongers with babbling pothouse politick as are not allowed to know what is going on in their very midst. is going on in their very midst.

Select dinner parties come off every day throughout the whole South, and not one of them ends without a strong accession to our

I have even heard some of them address each other by titles already.

My object in approaching you is to cultivate your fri ndship, and procure your co-operation in aid of accomplishing this grand object of returning to the dominion of our fathers' kingdom. Through your kindness and loyalty to your Oneen I am desirons of theoretic your Queen, I am desirous of properly approaching her Majesty's Minister at Washington City, with a view to the accompaishment of this great end. If you will condess ad to grant me the necessary assist-

ance for this purpose, you will soon receive the meritorious reward of your most cracious Qu-en, and the hearty cheer from every true Briton's heart for having aided in the return of the national profiles. Briton's heart for having aided in the return of the national prodigals.

Reposing that confidence in you which your position in life warrants me in doing, you must at present excuse me for not signing my name for fear of an accident. This much you may know: I am a Southron, and am a member of Congress, whose untiring perseverance will never cease until the only of I have thus bololy undertaken is fully occomplished. He so knud as to taken is fully occomplished. He so kind as to answer this as early as possible. Allow me a p rsenal interview, and, if you cannot come to New York, address your answer to "Benjamin," in care of some one at your office.

TALLULAH, Ga., has two women deputy

MRS. JOHN WOOD, of Brooklyn, got the idea that her husband had six other wives, and went crazy. FLORENCE HASSER, of Mexico, Mo., suicided

because the bridegroom came not at the ap-BEECHER expects that the people who go to torment in the next world will find Jonathan Edwards there.

A white man was found frozen to death under a tarpaulin, in New Orleans.

## GASOLINE'S DIRE WORK.

A Train Dashed Through a Bridge and A Terribly Fatal Explosion at Alliance, Ohio.

Several Persons Killed and a Number Maimed.

[Telegram from Alliance, Obio.] About 4 o'clock p. m. a terrible explosioccurred in the business center of the city. Glass in windows for blocks along Main street was shattered, and consternation reigned supreme. Men lost their senses, and smoke and dust covered everything for a radius of a quarter of a mile. When the horrible cloud arose it was discovered that the explosion had occurred at the brick business block of F. M. Orr, occupied on the first floor as a stove and tin store, and in the second and third stories as tenement

apartments. The block was leveled to the ground, and two brick blocks, one on each side, succumbed to the shock, while others,

facthor away, were shattered, riddled, and badly injured. In a few moments flames arose from the ruins and the fire alarm was sounded. Such excitement prevailed that the fire gained so much headway as to nearly consume the ruins, and burned two house before it was got under control.

Meanwhile the scene was harrowing in the extreme. It was known that six or more people were killed or were then imprisoned in the wreck, and would perish by fire. Men. women, and children, barcheaded, wringing their hands, and relatives of the imputes of the buildings destroyed, wandered about in despair at their inability to save the unfor-tunates. F. M. Orr, Elmer Orr, his son, Mrs. Homer Highland, his daughter, Mrs. Frank Eyans, and two children aged 2 and 4 months, ere known to have been in the building at the time of the explosion. These all perished. The woman and children were in the second and third stories, and are supposed to have been killed by falling walls. Mr. Orr and sen were both spoken to while confined under the

debris, but were burned to death. Many were also wounded. Besides those mentioned there were two or three others in the store at the time of the explosion whose names have not been learned, but who were spoken with beneath the rums before life had been crushed or burned out of them. At present all those previously known to have perished have been extricated from the debris. Some of these are charred and mangled beyond recognition. The work, however, of clearing away the rubbish and searching for the todies is being vigorously pushed forward by the aid of such light as is aforded by the moon and a bondire in the street.

The scenes immediately following the disaster were well calculated to affect the most indifferent. The buildings were an indescribable mass of ruins. Men and women rushed about frantically beseeching that something be done. Homer Highland, whose wife and child perished in the flames, was almost be-side himself with griof and horror, as was also Frank Evans, whose wife and two chil-dren likewise perished. Mrs. Orr was com-

pletely prostrated by the shock.

The great loss of life re uited from the fact that the second and third stories were used as dwellings. The persons w thin were not all killed outright, as could be too plainly told by their audible but unavailing cries for help. Every means that could be was used to rescue the victims, but the rapid spread of the flames, notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the fire company, soon drove the rescuers back. The grocery store of Mr. McConnell, adjoining, had some seven or eight persons in it, but all of them were dragged out not severely hurt.

The explosion was caused from fumes of gasoline, a child of Mr. Orr having turned the faucet in a gasoline barrel, allowing the fluid to run out on the floor. Mr. Orr was mopping up when the gas arising from the on ignited from a gaslight and the explosion occurred.

John Curry and Charles H. Hayden, of
Duprez & Benedict's minstrels were blown out of Orr's store, through a plate-glass window, and earried clear across the street, where they were picked up badly injured and

carried to a hotel, but will recover.

The explosion was felt and heard for a distance of two miles, while those in the imme-diate vicinity thought for a moment that there bad been an earthquake. Some idea of its force may be guessed from the fact that a team of horses standing in the street in front were thrown against the walls of the

building on the opposite side.

The Orr block was one of the finest in the c'ty, and was completed only ast fall. It is a total wreck, as are the Mi er block and the building occuped by Mr. Fullerton as a leather store, and by Miss Stanley as a millinery establishment. A reasonable estimate of the value of the property destroyed would be \$50,000, a very small part of which was covered by insurance.

## FITZ-JOHN PORTER.

The Vote by Which the Bill for His Relief Passed the House.

Relief Passed the House.

Yeas—Adams (N. Y.), Alexander, Arnot, Bagley, Ballentine, Barbour, Bayne, Beach, Belmott, Blanchard, Bland, Blount, Boyle, Breckenridge, Broadhead, Buchanan, Buckner, Burleigh, Cabell, Caldwell, Candler, Carlton, Cassidy, Clardy, Clay, Clements, Cobb, Collins, Connolly, Cock, Cosgrove, Cox (N. Y.), Cox (N. C.), Crisp, Culberson (Tex.), Curtin, Dargan, Davidson, Davis (Mo.), Deuster, Dibrell, Dockery, Dorsheimer, Dowd, Duncan, Eldredge, Evans (S. C.), Farrelt, Fiedler, Findlay, Finerty, Follett, Foran, Forney, Fyan, Gibson, Glassock, Graves, Green, Greenleaf, Halsell, Harmer, Hatch (Mo.), Haynes, Hemphill, Henley, Herbert, Hewitt (N. Y.), Hewitt (Ala.), Hill, Holman, Hopkins, Houseman, Hunt, Hurd, Hutchins, James, Jeffords, Jones (Wis.), Jones (Ark.), Jones (Ala.), Jordan, Kean, King, Kleiner, Laird, Lamb, Lanham, Le Fevre, Lewis, Long, Lore, Lovering, Lowry, Lyman, McAdeo, McMillin, Matson, Maybury, Miller (Tex.), Mitchell, Morgan, Morrison, Morse, Moulton, Muldrow, Murphy, Murray, Mutchler, Necce, Nichols, Ontes, O'Hara, O'Neill (Mo.), Patton, Pierce, Peel (Ark.), Phelps, Poland, Post, Potter, Pryor, Pussy, Rankin, Ranney, Ray (N. H.), Reagan, Reese, Riggs, Robertson (Ky.), Robinson (N. Y.), Rockwell, Rogers (Ark.), Rogers (N. Y.), Rosecrans, Scales, Seney, Seymour, Shaw, Singleton, Skinner (N. C.), Slocum, Smith, Snyder, Spriggs, Springer, Stevens, Stewart (Tex.), Stewart (Vt.), Stockslager, Storm, Sumner (Cal.), Sumner (Wis.), Taylor (Tenn.), Thompson, Throckmorton, Tillman, Townshend, Tucker, Tulley, Turner (Ky.), Turner (Ga.), Vanalstine, Vance, Van Eaton, Ward, Wardens (Mich.), G. D. Wise (Va.), wolford, Wood, Woodward, Worthington, Yaple, York, and Young—184.

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Paired—Blackburn and White of Kentucky, Brown of Pennsylvania, Ermentrout, Howey, Hitt, Eaton, Wait, Budd, George, Kasson, Talbott, Kelley, Randall, Miller of Pennsylvania, Ketcham, Warner of Ohio, Wilson of Iowa, Rice, Covington, Holton, Valentine, Hardy, and Ellis.

ALL SORTS.

TIN has been discovered in North Carolina. GOVERNMENT telegraphy does not pay hy

A WASHINGTON boy was arrested for laughing at a policeman. THREE girls, all under nine years of age, have been arrested at Schenectudy, N. Y., for hoplifting.

SINCE the act of Congress went into effect against the importation of spurious toas, 225,000 pour ds of the vilely adulterated stuff has been condemned.

DANCES for married people only are a feature of Oshkosh social life.